



League of Women Voters Rochester Metro Area Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Voter education is one of the League's most important functions, and the League encourages all citizens to register and to cast an informed vote.

The League does not support political parties or candidates, but does take stands on important issues after careful study and research.

Membership in the League is open to all persons who are at least 16 years of age.

Those under 16 can be associate members.

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Continuing the Community Conversation: Breaking the Barriers to Voting in NYS

NYS ranked 41st in voter turnout in 2016 with 57.3% of eligible voters casting ballots.

Many voters opt not to vote for a variety of individual reasons, but systemic barriers exist, especially in NY.

Our expert panel will be led by:

Jennifer Wilson, *LWVNYS Program and Policy Director*

Our focus for discussion:

- Early Voting
- No-Excuse Absentee Ballots
- Electronic Poll Books



October 30, 7:00 P.M.

**Asbury First United Methodist Church
1050 East Avenue, Rochester, NY**

Accessible Parking & Building Access in the Rear

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Preregister at www.lwv-rma.org or 262-3730.

Don't miss this!

President's Corner

Welcome to fall – when the days get shorter, but they're oh-so-full!

Turnout for our Fair Election Practices Campaign (FEPC) Pledge Signing Ceremony, a partnership activity with The Interfaith Alliance of Rochester (TIAR), on September 7 was excellent – as was the media coverage. Kudos to our new FEPC Coordinator Kris Rogers!

We've co-sponsored two primary candidate debates so far, and WROC has invited us to co-sponsor another in the general election. On October 23, we'll welcome the four mayoral candidates for a one-hour televised debate on Channel 8, moderated this time by anchor Maureen McGuire. Be sure to mark your calendar!

Candidate response to our www.VOTE411.org project has never been better! Please check this excellent resource for information on your polling place, candidate responses to our questions, and information on ballot items. Be sure to recommend it to your friends.

The first forum in our **Breaking Barriers to Voting in NYS** series was a great opportunity to learn about voter registration issues here in New York State. Even if you missed it, please make it a point to attend the next forum on October 30. And note that we've changed our format – instead of sitting in rows of folding chairs, our audience members are seated at tables surrounding the presenters on three sides. At the September meeting, presenters carried on more of a conversation than formal presentation – and left plenty of time to answer questions. We offered pens and paper at tables so the audience could take notes, and we invited each table to discuss two questions and share their conclusions. One of our favorite parts was sending out a summary of the forum to everyone who gave us an email address. That same summary will be shared with all our members. As always, your feedback is very welcome!

Did you know that LWVNYS has been very active in the area of election reform – and not just recently? Please take time to visit <http://www.lwvny.org/advocacy/election-law/elect-law.html> for a wealth of resources.

I'm delighted to announce that we'll be partnering with the National Council of Jewish Women to promote each other's events! We so often partner with community groups to register voters, it seemed a great idea to expand on that practice. Check out their online calendar at <https://jewishrochester.org/events/month/list/2017/10/29>.

And from our board of directors comes news that Membership Committee Co-Chair Mary Garfield has accepted a one-year appointment to serve on the board. She and Volunteer Coordinator Kim Byers are new League members who bring fresh perspectives, high energy and great skills to our board.

Speaking of new members, one of our newest, Julie Damerell, has just agreed to manage our online calendar! She answered the "Help Wanted" notice in last month's Voter – and after taking a look at our calendar must have realized that what we meant was "Help Needed!" Please send your League events to her at calendar@lwv-rma.org.

A new member handbook has just been completed and will be distributed via email soon.

Please remember that League members Dr. John (Lory) Ghertner and Barbara Deming have arranged for a showing of Nancy Ghertner's critically acclaimed film, "After I Pick the Fruit", on October 15 at First Unitarian Church. The film looks at the lives of several local women farmworkers and will be followed by a panel discussion of farmworkers, farmers and others. You'll be profoundly moved and well-informed by this event.

One last reminder: if you haven't yet paid your 2017-18 dues, please consider doing so, either by mail or by PayPal on our website. Our League is now 162 members strong – but without you, we can't Make Democracy Work as well as it should...

In League,

Mary Hussong-Kallen
president@lwv-rma.org

HELP WANTED!

Are you the person we're looking for? We need help in the following roles:

- **Program Coordinator** – you'll work with the Board and sometimes with various League committees to schedule 6 interesting public forums each year. It's a wonderful way to use your great organizational skills and bring clarity and depth to the community's understanding of a wide variety of issues and topics.
- **Webmaster** – this involves a substantial time commitment. You'll assist Judy Weinstein and Barbara Grosh in maintaining our website, and implementing creative updates.

If any of these roles sounds as if it was designed just for you – or if you've been looking for a new challenge, please contact Kim Byers (lwv.roc.volunteer@gmail.com) or Mary Hussong-Kallen (president@lwv-rma.org). Thank you!

A Community Conversation: Breaking Barriers to Voting in New York State

On September 18, the LWV-RMA convened the first of several discussions about the barriers to voting that exist in New York State. Since New York State ranked 41st in voter turnout in 2016 with only 57.3% of eligible voters casting ballots, there is concern that systemic barriers to voting may contribute to the low voter turnout. The first forum in the series focused on barriers to voter registration.

Barriers to voter registration and bills submitted in 2017 to address these limits were discussed by a panel which included:

- Jennifer Wilson, League of Women Voters of New York State, Program and Policy Director;
- Thomas F. Ferrarese, Monroe County Board of Elections, Commissioner; and
- Douglas E. French, Monroe County Board of Elections, Commissioner.

After a question and answer period, participants met in small groups to discuss the legislation, then shared their comments with the full group. Summaries and resource materials will be emailed to all attendees.

The bills discussed are:

- Permanent In-State Registration (A3411/S1732A) (2017) - providing that the board of elections transfer registration and enrollment of voters to wherever they move in the state.
- Voter Enfranchisement Modernization Act (A5382/S5115) (2017) - providing for online voter registration.
- Electronic Registration Process (A6283/S5114) (2017) - requiring that application forms for designated agencies include a voter registration application so when completing the agency application, the applicant is also registering to vote. The applicant can opt-out by checking a box.

These three bills passed the Assembly and were sent to the Senate which referred them to its Elections Committee with no further action.



Top row: Judy Sternberg, Gin Busack, Kim Byers, and Ida Holloran welcoming participants.

Second row: Sheila Abeling, Katherine Smith, and Ann Weintraub; Neil Jaschik and Jennifer Wilson, LWV-NYS Program and Policy Director.

Third row: LWV-RMA President Mary Hussong-Kallen introducing the program; Presenters Jennifer Wilson of LWV-NYS with Monroe County Election Commissioners Douglas French and Thomas Ferrarese.

Bottom row: One of the many table groups that discussed barriers to voter registration.



Continuing the Community Conversation: Breaking Barriers to Voting in NYS

Let's Continue the Conversation!

Our expert panel will be led by:

Jennifer Wilson, LWVNY Program and Policy Director

Our focus for discussion:

- Early Voting
- No-Excuse Absentee Ballots
- Electronic Poll Books

On October 30, you are invited to continue the conversation begun in September – this time focusing (but not limited to) the following bills as we Break the Barriers to Voting in NYS:

FOCUS:

Implementation of Early Voting (A2064/S2950) (2017) –

allows for early voting for up to eight days before the general election. The League supports enacting early voting in New York State. Currently 37 states allow for some form of early voting. Early voting should be implemented in a manner that will allow equivalent access to the polls for all voters.

No-Excuse Absentee Ballot (A7623/S840) (2017)

- authorizes ballot by mail by removing cause for absentee ballot voting. Currently, the New York State Constitution only allows absentee voting if a person expects to be absent from the county in which they live, or the City of New York, or because of illness for physical disability. As we have seen in the most recent election, many states have allowed for alternate ways of voting, including mail in voting without having to declare any reason for doing so. There is no reason to prevent New Yorkers from doing so as well. By providing choices, we give voters the opportunity to cast their ballot in whatever way each finds most comfortable, whether that be in a voting booth on election day, or in the comfort of their own home prior to election day. Requires Constitutional Convention or Constitutional amendment.



Electronic Poll Books

– no legislation at this time

Bring your questions, Bring your friends. This is a presentation followed by conversation. And before we leave, we'll be devising a plan for implementing this phase of Breaking Barriers to Voting in NYS. Please join us on Monday, October 30,

at 7:00 p.m. at Asbury First United Methodist Church, 1050 East Avenue.

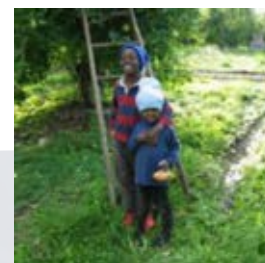
Don't miss it!

Film: After I Pick the Fruit

After I Pick the Fruit follows the lives of five immigrant farmworker women over a ten-year period as they labor in the apple orchards and fields of rural western New York, migrate seasonally to Florida, raise their families, and try to hide from the Bush-era immigration raids that were conducted in response to 9/11. Filmed in New York, Florida, and Mexico, this intimate, bittersweet, feature-length film illuminates a community that is nearly invisible to most Americans, and will change the way you look at our national 'immigration problem.'"

October 15 at Asbury First United Methodist Church from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. – sponsored by LWV-RMA.

Note location change.



Candidate Debates

The LWV-RMA co-sponsored two debates among the Democratic candidates in the Rochester mayoral primary campaign.

On August 20, Candidates Rachel Barnhart and James Sheppard debated; Mayor Lovely Warren, who was hospitalized, was unable to participate. This debate was co-sponsored by the Rochester People's Climate Coalition.

The second debate, televised on September 7 from WROC-TV8 studios, involved all three primary

mayoral candidates. After welcoming remarks by LWV-RMA President Mary Hussong-Kallen, WROC-TV news anchor Adam Chodak moderated the debate among candidates Rachel Barnhart, James Sheppard, and current mayor Lovely Warren.

Incumbent Mayor Lovely Warren won the primary election on September 12. The LWV-RMA and WROC-TV8 have announced a televised debate among mayoral candidates on Monday, October 23, at 7:00 P.M.

Mark your calendar!



Candidates James Sheppard and Rachel Barnhart discussing climate issues on August 30 as participants listen.



Scenes from the September 7 mayoral primary debate showing LWV-RMA President Mary Hussong-Kallen opening the program; WROC-TV8 news anchor Adam Chodak; and mayoral candidates (l to r) Rachel Barnhart, Mayor Lovely Warren, and James Sheppard.



Fair Election Practices Campaign Holds Press Conference & Signing Ceremony

The League of Women Voters-Rochester Metropolitan Area (LWV-RMA) and the Interfaith Alliance of Rochester (TIAR) held a joint press conference and signing ceremony on Thursday, September 7 in the atrium of the Monroe County Office Building recognizing those who have signed the Fair Election Practices Pledge. Many candidates attended the press conference to publicly sign the Pledge, and the full list of candidates who have signed the Pledge was read aloud. Photojournalists from Channel 8 and Spectrum News were present along with reporters from the Rochester Business Journal and WXXI. Sheila Abeling, League Vice President, led the

presentation and Gaynelle Wethers, TIAR President, addressed the group.

The Fair Election Practices Campaign (FEPC) provides all candidates the opportunity to sign a Fair Campaign Pledge to publicly commit to running positive, issues-oriented campaigns. The names of all candidates who have signed the Pledge are listed on the League's website.

The Fair Election Practices Hearing Panel has a non-voting Chairperson and four voting members made up of an equal number of Republicans and Democrats. The Hearing Panel is accepting properly filed complaints from all candidates and will continue to hear complaints until November 6, the day before Election Day. Hearing decisions will be released to the media and posted on the League's website.

Kris Rogers
FEPC Committee Chair
krogers8@rochester.rr.com

*Seen at the September 7
FEPC pledge ceremony:*

*In the top row are FEPC
Committee Chair Kris Rogers
and LWV-RMA VP
Sheila Abeling.*

*In the middle row are Sheila
Abeling and Dr. Gaynelle
Wethers, President TIAR
(The Interfaith Alliance of
Rochester).*

*Others pictured are
candidates and media
representatives.*

Pictures by Judy Weinstein



Voter Services

Our Fall schedule remains robust as we focus on our goal: **Getting Out the Vote!**

Voter Services is more than simply voter registration – it's about working with our Community Partners, encouraging voter participation through education and advocacy. Our materials and our time are offered free of charge.

September brought us again to our local college campuses. We were included by the University of Rochester in their Orientation Expo, by the Rochester Institute of Technology for their Fall Service Day, and by Nazareth College during three events. Our *"Your Right to Vote in New York State, College Students"* was part of the orientation packet issued by Nazareth to each of its nearly 600 incoming Freshmen. In addition to these events, we also participated in the National Council of Jewish Women's *"We Can Change the World"* forum, the Brady Campaign's *"Against Gun Violence"* memorial concert, and the YWCA's National Voter Registration Day events. Our High School initiative kicked off with an invitation to participate in the Rochester City School District *"Stay Strong"* Event and we already have invitations for our Civics presentation from two of the City high schools.

We were able to participate in these events because **you volunteered**. Our success is dependent on your willingness to be part of our efforts. Hopefully, our Volunteer Coordinator, Kim Byers and "Sign-Up Genius" have made it easier than ever for you to join in. Early results are promising indeed!

Dates to Remember for the General Election on Tuesday, November 7:

- Last day to postmark voter registration forms or register in person at BOE: Friday, October 13, 2017;
- Last day to change party enrollment for 2018 primaries: Friday, October 13, 2017;
- Last day to postmark application for absentee ballot: Tuesday, October 13, 2017;
- Last day to apply in person for absentee ballot: Monday, November 6, 2017;
- Last day to postmark ballot for general election: Monday, November 6, 2017;
- Last day to deliver absentee ballot in person to Board of Elections: Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

Gin Busack

Voter Services Committee Chair
ginbusack@aol.com,

Membership Committee Announces New Co-Chairs:

BARBARA KAY AND MARY GARFIELD.

If you have any questions or comments or would like to serve on the Membership Committee, Contact Barbara (bbskay@frontiernet.net or (585) 244-9391).

DACA and You

DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) continues to be of interest on the national level. The League issued a statement on September 7 stating in part, "The League of Women Voters is opposed to deportation of non-criminal undocumented immigrants and we urge congress to pass a clean DREAM Act to protect, not turn away, the 800,000 young people who were brought to the United States as children." (lwv.org/content/league-calls-congress-pass-clean-dream-act)

Rural & Migrant Ministry (RMM) is offering three workshops on October 26 at Temple B'rith Kodesh at 2131 Elmwood Ave. in Rochester to enhance understanding by those involved with or interested in DACA recipients and upcoming policy development.

The workshops, beginning at 2:30pm, following 2:00 registration, include:

- Teaching & Caring as Allies and Advocates for Immigrant and Refugee Students (for teachers, counselors, health care providers, etc.);
- Empowering Undocumented Students and Allies to be Leaders for Change (for students and friends and families of students); and
- Exploring the Importance of Empathy in Justice Work (for clergy).

A reception and fundraising Harvesting Justice Dinner will follow the workshops. The dinner, supporting RMM's mission in Western New York, features one of the first undocumented lawyers in New York State, Cesar Vargas. Mr. Vargas was brought to the US at 5 years of age. He excelled academically, becoming an honors student in college and law school. Although Mr. Vargas' application to the NY Bar in 2012 was first denied, he was finally sworn in as a licensed attorney in 2016. His nationwide advocacy and story on behalf of DREAMers helped convince President Obama to expand DACA.

To purchase tickets for any or all of the above opportunities, visit the www.ruralmigrantministry.org website or contact West Cosgrove (WNY RMM Coordinator) at wcosgrovermm2@gmail.com.

Strengthening Ties with the Latino Community

The VWV-RMA Board of Directors established an outreach initiative with the Latino community which rolled out over the course of 2017. Members learned of, and engaged with, La Cumbre which serves as an umbrella organization for 'all things Latin' in Monroe County. It provides a communications hub for organizations that focus on business, employment opportunities, culture, community issues, civic engagement, etc.

Many La Cumbre constituent groups have a keen interest in voter registration and voter turnout and La Cumbre therefore has an active government committee. The focus of this committee fits hand in glove with the core mission of the League and we are able to provide voter education materials that reinforce registration events.

This past summer we jointly held ten registration events and achieved 100+ registrations. Events included the Puerto Rican Beauty pageant, the Puerto Rican Festival, Puerto Rican night at the

public market, etc. La Cumbre took the extra step of tracking registrants and followed up with them by letter prior to the recent primary and will again for November elections.

For the La Cumbre summer events we were joined by active members of Action Together Rochester. Our activities culminated with a Chalk the Vote sidewalk stencil event on Sunday September 10. We involved enough men, women, and children to cover 20+ sites across the city. We were blessed with a gorgeous sunny day for this activity. The League provided stencils in English and Spanish as well as the spray chalk. A generous donation from the First Unitarian Church of Rochester fully funded our supplies with plenty left for the November general election. We look forward to repeating and expanding this event with interested groups in the years ahead. Please look for opportunities to do so. It's fun, takes minimal time, and is an easy way to engage with others. We certainly learned anew this summer that 'many hands make light work.'

Ida Holloran
hollorai@gmail.com



Volunteers with their templates and chalk.

Naturalization Update

League members keep busy with Naturalizations. Our volunteers are a wonderful group of people who spend time with the new citizens and help them register to vote. On July 4, Kay Saunders welcomed candidates for citizenship at the Genesee Country Village and Museum. Lois Winterkorn greeted candidates at the Monroe County Office Building on July 13. At the Federal Building on July 18, Cathleen Burnham and Sheila Abeling met 55 new citizens. On August 10, Kim Wightman and Sheila Abeling attended an oath ceremony at the Monroe County Office Building; later that day, Sheila Abeling met new citizens at the Federal Building. On September 14, Sheila Abeling attended the naturalization ceremony at the County Office Building.

If you are interested in attending an oath ceremony or volunteering to assist at a ceremony, please contact **Sheila Abeling** at sheiler162007@gmail.com or 585-223-6819.



New citizens with the Honorable Judy Sinclair and Monroe County Clerk Adam Bello on September 14.



Election Services:

On September 12 at 9:00 P.M., a team from LWV-RMA gathered at the Monroe County Board of Elections Service Center for a fundraiser, opening absentee ballots on Primary Day. A special thank you to the following members for volunteering their time on that day: Sheila Abeling, Chris Burleigh, Kim Byers, Deborah Leary, Elaine Schmidt, Judy Sternberg, Judy Wadsworth, and Judy Weinstein.

On Election Day, November 7, LWV-RMA members will again be opening absentee ballots. Please consider volunteering! Information will be sent in October regarding this event.

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Seen from left to right as they prepared to open ballots on September 12 are Sheila Abeling, Kim Byers, Judy Sternberg, Chris Burleigh, Elaine Schmidt, Deb Leary, and Judy Weinstein. Photo by Judy Wadsworth

Help!!

Election Day. November 7, is quickly approaching! The League needs you!

We need volunteers to open absentee ballots on that day at 9:00 P.M. at the Board of Elections Service Center, 2595 Henrietta Townline Rd. This is a fundraiser for the League. We receive \$100 for each League person who helps. We do not anticipate more than a couple of hours of opening ballots. Think about car pooling with fellow members. Please consider this commitment and yes - I will bring lots of chocolate!! Email or call Sheila Abeling at sheiler162007@gmail.com or 585-223-6819.

THANK YOU!

Referendum on Constitutional Convention Is Almost Here!

As the League of Women Voters of New York State and our local league has been saying for the past several years, the NYS Constitution mandates that every 20 years voters be presented with the ballot question: "Shall there be a convention to revise the constitution and amend the same?" The question will appear on the ballot this November 7. We have held several forums through the years explaining the importance of this vote.

Our Government/Advocacy committee decided to try a different approach for educating voters as Election Day approaches. Rather than holding another large public meeting, we are going on the road. We will go to community organizations to speak about the ballot question. The format of the meeting is up to the group to which we will be presenting. In some cases, our presentation will be the focus of the meeting, to be followed by Q&A; in others, we will do an abridged presentation to set the stage for a discussion by attendees. Thus far, we have six speaking engagements booked.

If you know of an organization that would like to learn about the Constitutional Convention and get some responses to some of the rumors being spread ("No, if you leave the question blank on the ballot, it will NOT be counted as a Yes vote!"), please contact Judy Weinstein at j.weinstein.roc@gmail.com and we try to fit that group into our schedule.

Judy Weinstein

Government/Advocacy Committee
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VOTE411.ORG

ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED

As you prepare for the November 7 general election, visit www.Vote411.org, the League of Women Voters' tool to encourage informed and active participation in government. www.Vote411.org is an interactive website which provides comprehensive information for voters including districts, ballot questions, and candidate information all specific to the user's address. Our League has prepared questions on issues for all local (Monroe County, City of Rochester, towns and villages within the county) offices. We have contacted candidates for these offices to invite them to participate in Vote 411.

Go to www.Vote411.org to get election information and candidates' replies to our LWV questions. If you find a candidate who has not answered the questions, please contact the campaign office to express your interest in learning the candidate's opinions on the issues.

www.Vote411.org makes it easy for you to get the information you want on the candidates for election and ballot questions!

LWV-RMA to Host Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner

At the League of Women Voters of NYS Convention in June, we were treated to a lively presentation on "*The Rest of the Story of the Suffrage Movement*" by Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner, Professor, Syracuse University and Director, Matilda Joselyn Gage Center for Social Justice Dialogue. Veteran League members were surprised at all that they didn't know about the movement.

Our delegates recommended to our board that we apply to the New York Council for the Humanities' Public Scholars program for support in bringing Dr. Wagner to Rochester. We filed an application which was approved. Dr. Wagner will present "*Women Voted in New York — Before Columbus*" on March 19. Dr. Wagner's research has shown the close ties between the leaders of the suffrage movement and the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) communities. You'll want to attend her stimulating talk!

More information will be made available as it gets closer to her presentation. In the meantime, mark the date on your calendar!

Judy Weinstein

Government/Advocacy Committee
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League Day at the United Nations

A BRIEFING ON FORCED LABOR AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

NOV. 16, 3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

(lunch and tours available, too, starting at 11:30 A.M.)

The Annual League Day at the United Nations (NYC) will include lunch in the Delegates' Dining Room, tours of the facility (General Assembly room, Security Council room, etc) and a briefing. A panel of UN experts will discuss the issue of Forced Labor and Human Trafficking and what individuals can do to help reduce this problem.

The State League will also be offering a group bus option from Albany to NYC with a stop in Poughkeepsie.

To register online go to https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/INvmPPc4Hpebf0PLNzaRnw.

To download, print and mail a registration form with payment, go to <http://files.constantcontact.com/37d635eb001/1dd8acf2-ca41-4458-acc6-e319982ff3ac.pdf>.

League of Women Voters of New York State
518-465-4162 www.lwvny.org

Women's Suffrage: A Suffrage Centennial Conference

NOV. 4, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
CULTURAL EDUCATION CENTER
222 MADISON AVE, ALBANY

Sponsored by

The Women's Rights and Heritage Committee of the New York Cultural Heritage Tourism Network

Come to a conference to hear speakers and join a discussion about the women's suffrage centennial:

- History of suffrage movement in NYS and how we can preserve our cultural history
- Status of women's movement and women's issues in NYS and how you can take action
- Sharing ideas for successful programs and action.

To learn more, go to <http://www.nywomenshistory.com/post.php?pid=28>.

To access an online registration form, go to <http://nychtn.com/rsvp/signup1.php>.

Then, stay and join the League for a reception to celebrate the opening of the women's suffrage history special exhibit at the NYS Museum. (See article at right)

Museum's "Votes for Women" Exhibit

NOV. 4, 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
NYS MUSEUM, ALBANY



At the reception celebrating the opening of this exhibit, Coline Jenkins, great-great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, will speak about growing up in a family of women activists. In addition to Stanton, her great-grandmother Harriot Stanton Blatch, worked as a major organizer of New York State woman suffrage during the Militant Period of 1913-1915. Her grandmother, Nora Stanton Blatch DeForest Barney, was the first female civil engineer to graduate (1905) from Cornell. Jenkins' mother was born one month prior to the passage of the 19th Amendment of the US Constitution in 1920. Jenkins grew up in an atmosphere of suffrage and women's right campaigning.

Museum staff will serve as guides as we have private access to this new exhibit on women's suffrage history. Event benefactors will preferred seating, a copy of the catalog from the exhibit, and listed in the program as a Benefactor. Tickets to the event are also available.

To purchase tickets or become a benefactor online, go to https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/7MenLR3YUpmX2yVcmFXCcg.

To download a form to complete and submit with a check, go to <http://www.lwvny.org/programs-studies/womens-suffrage/2017/Reception-flyer-Votes-for-Women%20.pdf>.

To purchase by phone, call the state League office at 518-465-4162.

What's Happening?

Is your League event on our online calendar?

It's easy to let the world know who, what, where and when – simply email the details to:

[calendar@lwv-rma.org!](mailto:calendar@lwv-rma.org)

LWV-RMA Members at Work

LEAGUE MEMBERS APPEAR ON PANEL

Judy Weinstein represented the LWV-RMA on a panel discussing advocacy at the National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Rochester Section, meeting held on September 14. Chairing the panel was LWV-RMA member Sandra Frankel.

September 14 panelists (left to right): Amy Stein, President, NCJWGRS; Jane Amstey, NCJWGRS Opening Event Chair; Patty Larke, District Director for U.S. Representative Louise Slaughter; Jody Siegle, former Executive Director, Monroe County School Board Association; and the Honorable Sandra Frankel, former Brighton Supervisor. Gin Busack and Jane Beck staffed the LWV table at the event.



Women's Rights Quilt Project

The Susan B. Anthony Museum and House quilt project is part of the 2020 project celebrating women's right to vote.

Anyone can make a square. The plan is to send sections of the quilt all over the nation. The basic design is provided in a quilt kit but the individual artist can choose a central image having to do with women's right to vote. Elaine Schmidt used an LWV flyer on voting (her quilt square is seen in the attached picture to the right of the title). Quilt kits are available from the Susan B. Anthony Museum and House. More information, including directions, can be found on <http://www.susanbathonyhouse.org/2020quiltproject/>.



2020 Quilt Project
stitching together women's suffrage



Quilt squares from the national quilt project are tied, not sewn, together so they can be put together in a number of configurations and can be shipped more easily around the country for sharing. Elaine Schmidt's square is seen at the lower right in the picture.



Coming Events!



October

- 6 First Friday (11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., I-Square)
- 10 Book Club- *The Big Thirst: The Secret Life and Turbulent Future of Water*, Charles Fishman (1:00 P.M., Greenhouse Café, 2271 East Main Street)
- 12 Naturalization Ceremony (10:00 A.M., Monroe County Office Building)
- 12 Naturalization Ceremony (1:00 P.M., Federal Building)
- 15 Forum: Nancy Ghertner's critically acclaimed film *"After I Pick the Fruit"* (Time 2:00 P.M., Asbury First UMC)
- 23 Rochester Mayoral Debate (Time 7:00 P.M., WROC-TV8)
- 26 LWV-RMA Board Meeting (2:00 P.M., Asbury First UMC)
- 30 Forum: Breaking the Barriers to Voting in NYS: Elections (7:00 P.M., Asbury First UMC)

November

- 1 Book Club- *The Generals* Thomas Ricks (1:00 P.M., Greenhouse Café, 2271 East Main Street)
- 3 First Friday (11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., I-Square)
- 7 **Election Day**
- 9 Naturalization Ceremony (9:30 A.M., George Eastman Museum)
- 9 Naturalization Ceremony (10:00 A.M., Monroe County Office Building)
- 30 LWV-RMA Board Meeting (2:00 P.M., Asbury First UMC)

December

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- 5 Forum: The 2017 Local Election: What Happened? What Does It Mean? by Prof. Timothy Kneeland (7:00 P.M., Asbury First UMC)

Be sure to check your email and our website for other events as they are scheduled!

Don't miss First Fridays with LWV-RMA

Join League colleagues for lunch or a mid-day coffee break each First Friday of the month, 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. at I-Square, 400 Bakers Park, at Titus Avenue, Irondequoit, NY 14617

October 6, 2017	March 2, 2018
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Board of Directors meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 2:00 P.M. at Asbury First UMC. Board meetings are open to all members.

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Forums are open to the public. Calendar information is subject to change.

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